

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Services – APWAS – Smt. Ch.Adilakshmi, the then Pay & Accounts Officer, Tirupathi (Retired) – Allegation leveled against her for fraudulent Encashment of Cheques looting of Public Money Rs.4,66,14,398/– Charges proved in the inquiry – Imposition of a punishment of withholding of entire pensionary benefits permanently on Smt. Ch.Adilakshmi, the then Pay & Accounts officer, Tirupathi (Retired) under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and to recover an amount of Rs.1,96,21,590/- (apportioned among all the Charged Officers involved) from her along with interest, the loss caused from the date of occurrence of misappropriation / embezzlement of Government money to the date of recovery as per the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.33, Finance(TFR.I) Department, dt 09.02.2006 by enforcing the Revenue Recovery Act / Criminal Law Amendment Act - Orders –Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.12

**Dated:20.02.2015
Read the following:-**

1. G.O.Rt.No.2774, Finance (WA.II) Department, dt:04.07.2009.
2. Government Memo No.16575-H/75/WA.II/2009, dt:15.05.2010.
3. G.O.Rt.No.3010, Finance (WA.II) Department, dt:29.07.2011.
4. G.O.Rt.No.2651, Finance (WA.II) Department, dt:04.06.2012.
5. .D. O. Letter No. 189/COI-AS/2012, dt:16.11.2012 from
Commissioner of Inquiries.
6. This Department Memo even No. dt:10.12.2012
7. Explanation of Smt. Ch.Adilakshmi, PAO (Retd), dt:24.01.2013.
8. From the DWA Lr. No. DWA/Hyd/Sn.I/EC.3/2013-14/392,
dt:07.12.2013.
9. Memo No. 16575-H/75/WA.II/2009-1, dt:22.02.2014.
10. DWA Lr.No.DWA/Hyd/Sn.I/EC.6/2014-15/50, dt:24.05.2014.
11. Explanation of Smt. Ch.Adilakshmi, PAO (Retd), dt:25.03.2014.
12. Lr.No.16575-H/75/WA.II/2014, dt:22.08.2014 addressed to Secretary,
APPSC.
13. APPSC Lr.No. 1034/RT/2/2014, dt:02/12/2014

ORDER

Whereas it was reported that an incidence of drawal of forgery cheque bearing No. 034099, dt.25.10.2008 favoring Sri N.V.Chalapathi Rao drawn on SBI Tirupathi for Rs.48,87,954/- was issued in the Office of the Pay & Accounts Officer, Tirupathi. The said cheque was stopped for payment, and the SBI authorities informed both the PAO, Tirupathi and HDFC Bank, Tirupathi of the forged cheque. A complaint was lodged in P.S and FIR was registered in No.96/2008, dt.06-11-2008 under Section 420 IPC. Subsequently, a preliminary enquiry was conducted and basing on the enquiry, two employees viz., Sri V.Siva Sankar Reddy, Senior Assistant and Sri R.Lavan Kumar Reddy, Junior Assistant stated to be involved in the above incident were suspended from service by the Joint Director of Works Accounts, Kadapa being the competent authority. While the process of enquiry on above forgery cheque was underway, a petition in the name of Janachaitanya Praja Shakthi was received against the certain staff members of the PAO Office, Tirupathi alleging that they were indulging in the activities of drawing the fraudulent cheques.

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2. And whereas, after a detailed enquiry by the department, certain cheques were found utilized privately and fraudulently by the following Staff Members of the Pay & Accounts office, Tirupathi.

1. Smt. Ch.Adilakshmi, Pay & Accounts Officer (Retd.)
2. Sri K.Gurraiah, Senior. Assistant
3. Sri D.Gopal, Senior Assistant
4. Kumari V.Surya Kumari, Senior Assistant
5. Sri V.Siva Sankara Reddy, Senior Assistant
6. Sri R.Lavan Kumar Reddy, Senior Assistant.

3. And whereas in the reference 2nd read above, departmental proceedings were initiated against Smt. Ch.Adilakshmi the then Pay & Accounts Officer, Tirupathi (Retd) in the case of Fraudulent Encashment of Cheques of Rs.4,66,14,398/- in collusion with private individuals and staff O/o PAO, Tirupathi.

4. And whereas in the reference 4th read above, Sri Alok Srivastava, I.P.S, Commissioner of Enquiries was appointed as Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charges framed against Smt Ch.Adilakshmi and others involved in the case. Eight (8) charges were framed against her.

5. And whereas in the reference 5th read above, in the Inquiry, out of 8 charges 6 charges were held proved substantially. After careful examination of the report of the Inquiry Authority, Government in the reference 9th read above issued final show cause notice to Smt. Ch.Adilakshmi, Pay & Accounts Officer (Retd) and she is directed to explain as to why a punishment of withholding of total pensionary benefits should not be imposed under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and to recover an amount of Rs.1,96,21,590/- (apportioned among all the Charged Officers involved) along with interest, the loss caused by her from the date of occurrence of misappropriation/embezzlement of Government money to the date of recovery as per the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.33, Finance (TFR.I) Department, dated.09.02.2006 by enforcing the Revenue Recovery Act/Criminal Law Amendment Act, as the case may be.

6. And where as in the reference 11th read above, Smt. Ch.Adilakshmi, PAO (Retd), the charged officer in her explanation has not put forth any new grounds for consideration to the final show cause notice. Government after careful consideration of material on record observed the charged officer has totally failed in performing her duties as per the procedure stipulated in PAOs manual in respect of keeping unused cheques and maintaining SST Registers and recording entries in the SST register properly by the cashier. Due to her slackness and negligence her subordinates have colluded with private individuals and drawn Government money fraudulently. Thus, the charged officer deliberately misappropriated the funds to tune of Rs.4,66,14,398/- in colluding with other culprits and the Inquiry officer found the charges were proved substantially beyond any doubt. Therefore, Government have come to provisional conclusion to impose a punishment of withholding her pensionary benefits permanently for the charges proved under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and to recover misappropriated amount of Rs.1,96,21,590/- (apportioned among all the Charged Officers involved) from her along with interest, the loss caused by her from the date of occurrence of misappropriation / embezzlement of Government money to the date of recovery as per the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.33, Finance (TFR.I) Department, dated.09.02.2006 by enforcing the Revenue Recovery Act/Criminal Law Amendment Act, and referred the matter to the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad for their concurrence vide reference 12th read above.

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7. And whereas in the reference 13th read above, the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have concurred with the proposed punishment of withholding of entire pensionary benefits under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and to recover an amount of Rs.1,96,21,590/- (apportioned among all the Charged Officers involved) along with interest, the loss caused by her from the date of occurrence of misappropriation / embezzlement of Government money to the date of recovery as per the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.33, Finance (TFR.I) Department, dated.09.02.2006 by enforcing the Revenue Recovery Act/Criminal Law Amendment Act.

8. Government, hereby impose a punishment of withholding entire pensionary benefits permanently on the Charged officer, Smt. Ch.Adilakshmi, Pay & Accounts Officer (Retd) under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and order to recover the misappropriated amount of Rs.1,96,21,590/- (One Crore Ninty Six Lakhs Twenty one thousand five Hundred and Ninty Rupees) (apportioned among all the Charged Officers involved) along with interest, the loss caused from her from the date of occurrence of misappropriation/embezzlement of Government money to the date of recovery as per the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.33, Finance(TFR.I) Department, dated.09.02.2006 by enforcing the Revenue Recovery Act/Criminal Law Amendment Act.

9. The Director of Works Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

10 The G.O is available on Internet and can be accessed at the address <http://www.goir.ap.gov.in>

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

1. The individual through Director of Works Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
2. The Director of Works Accounts,. Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

3. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
4. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh, Vigilance Commission, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
5. The Accountant General (A&E) Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER